GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS UNDER AIBP
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been misappropriation of funds in the execution of projects under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP);

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to conduct an enquiry into the matter and fix responsibility; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) As per approved guidelines for the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) the first instalment is released for a project as advance after the State Government informs the budget provision. Further release of the second instalment is made after the utilisation certificate for the first instalment is furnished by the competent authority in the State Government as well as on the basis of the monitoring report of the Central Water Commission. In view of this and also as no specific complaint has been received, there is no misappropriation of funds in the execution of projects under AIBP. Moreover irrigation including flood control and drainage being a state subject, the responsibility of planning, funding, executing, operating and maintaining rests primarily with the State Governments themselves. Under the AIBP, the Union Government is providing Central Loan Assistance to the eligible projects to supplement the State Governments' own financial resources with a view to complete such projects at an early date.